



Branches of Service

- Union and Confederate
 - Army
 - Navy
 - State Militia
 - Marines



Types of Records

- Rosters
- Compiled service
- Pension
- Unit histories
- Burials
- Censuses



Other Types

- Draft registrations
- G.A.R. Records
- Civil War prisons
- Diaries
- Letters
- Manuscripts



Locating Records

- National Archives
 - Pension files, service records
- State Archives
 - County records, discharge papers, miscellaneous
- County courts
- Libraries
- Latter-Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah and local Family History Centers
- Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana



Rosters

- Identify specific unit
 - Basic information needed to find more information I.e. unit, company, rank of soldier

Springboard to further research



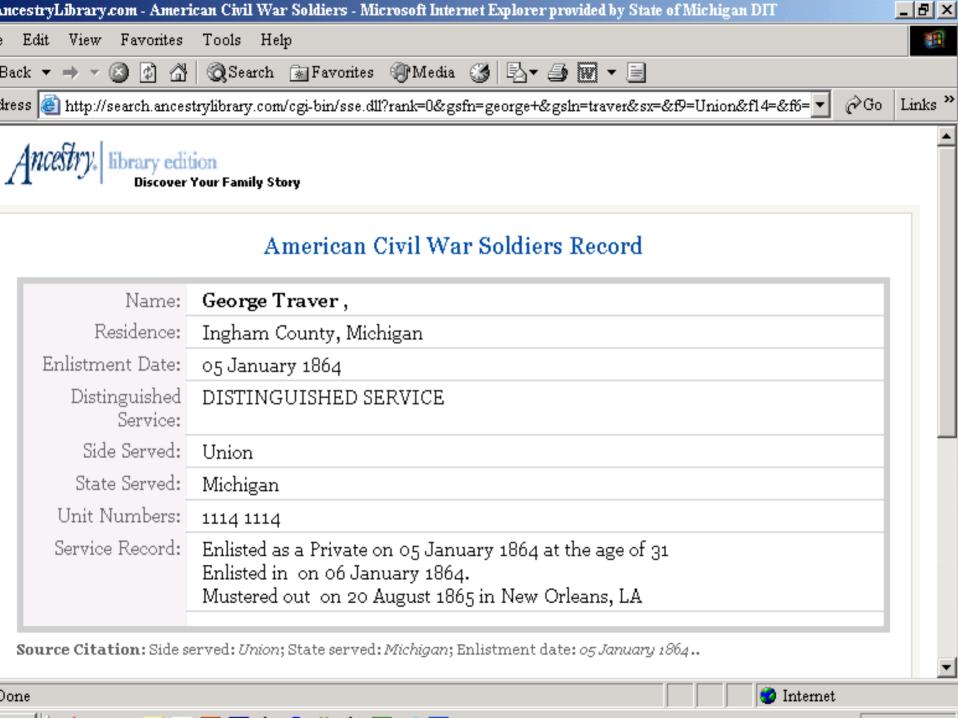
Rosters

- Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865
- Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865
- Annual Reports of State Adjutant General



Compiled Service Records

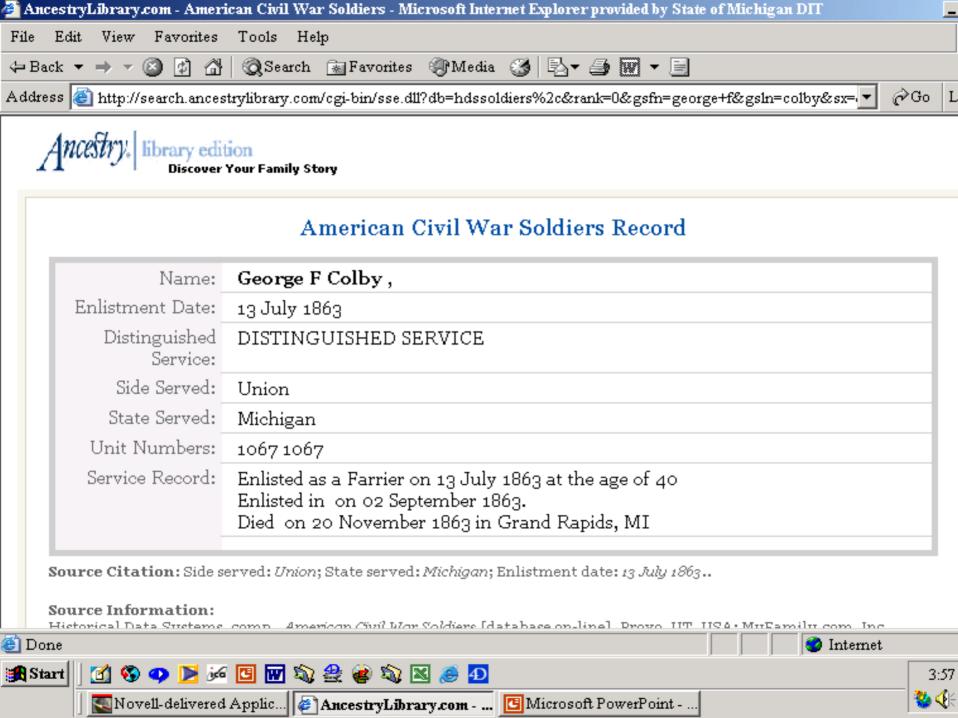
- Record of an individual's service
- Name, rank, unit, state, dates mustered in and out, date of change in rank, date, place and nature of discharge.
- May also show age, residence at time of enlistment, occupation, and physical description.
- Record of Service of Michigan Volunteers...
 - "Brown Books"





More on Service Records

- If hospitalized during service, may show age, birthplace, marital status, residence, and date and place wounded.
- If soldier died, a casualty sheet shows date and place of death and sometimes next of kin.





Compiled Service Records

- Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers...
 - Michigan
 - CT, IL, IN, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI, and U.S.Colored Troops
- NATF Form 86 can be ordered at this URL
 - http://www.archives.gov/contact/inquireform.html#part-a



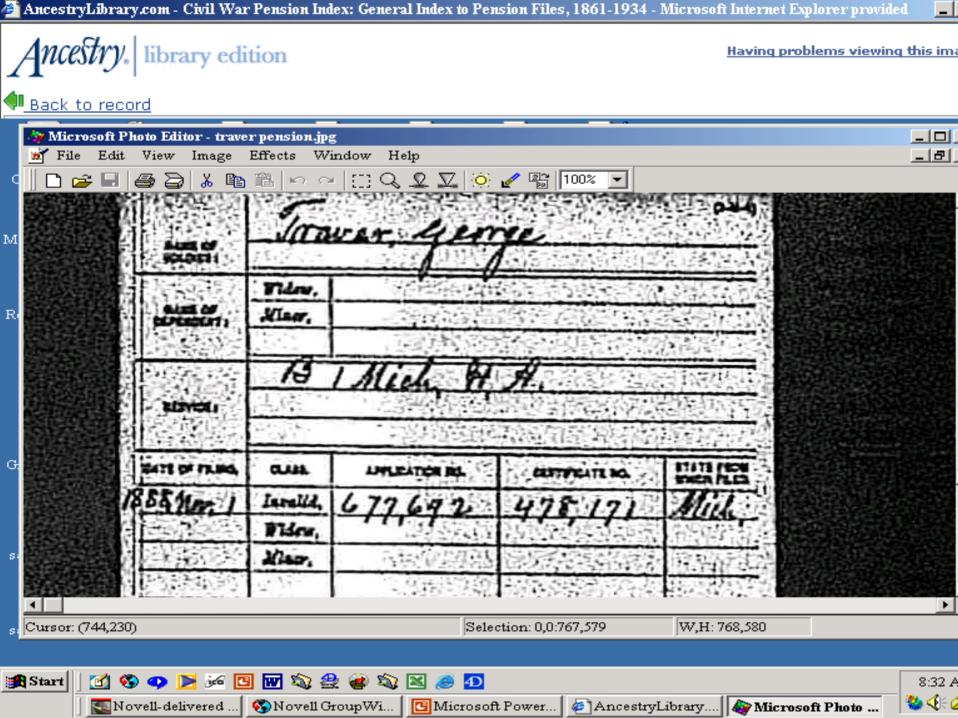
Union Pensions

- Had to apply for pension to prove entitlement
- Pension Index File [1861-1934]
 - Alpha by last name
 - Date of filing, application and certificate no.
 - Primarily Union servicemen and dependents
 - On Microfilm and Ancestry Library Edition
- NATF Form 85
 - (can be ordered from same URL as Form 86)



Union Pensions

- Genealogical information you may find:
 - Date of birth and place
 - Spouse's maiden name
 - Date and place of marriage; subsequent marriages
 - Children's names and birth dates
 - Date and place of discharge; residences since discharge
 - Death and marriage dates/places
 - Service related injuries and resulting physical disabilities
 - Status of discharge i.e. honorable or dishonorable





Pension Acts

- Different acts of Congress were passed at various times to qualify veterans for benefits
 - 21 acts between 1861-1918
- 2 main pension systems
 - General Law: war-related disabilities
 - Service Pension: for military time served



Confederate Pensions

- Primarily issued by individual states
- Indexes at the Library of Michigan:

-Arkansas

-Tennessee

-Kentucky

-Texas

-Georgia

-Florida



Confederate Pensions

- Few files at National Archives
- Check in county, state archives or libraries
- Some indexes online
 - Texas State Library and Archives
 - Tennessee State Library and Archives
- "The Source..." Edited by Szucs and Luebking.



Unit Histories

- Activities of a specific unit
- Letters, diaries, field reports, deck logs, et al
- Published history or memoir by an individual
- Photographs



Unit Histories

- Civil War Unit Histories: Regimental Histories and Personal Narrative.
 - Confederacy, New England, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest & West, Navy & Misc.
- War of the Rebellion
- Official records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion
- http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/moa_browse.ht ml



Burials

- Roll of Honor: Names of Soldiers Who Died in Defense of the American Union, Interred in the National Cemeteries.
- U.S. Army. Quartermaster Corps.
 Cemetery Branch. Card records of headstones provided for deceased Union Civil War veterans, ca. 1879-ca. 1903.



Special Veterans Census

- 1890 U.S. Census: Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans
- 1894 Michigan state census
 - Not available for all counties



Draft Registrations

- Enrollment Act of 1863, 37th Congress
 - Males between 20 and 45
 Exemptions: mentally or physically impaired, only son of a widow, son of infirm parents, widower with dependent children.
 - Class I: 20-35 and unmarried men between 35& 45
 - Class II: All others



Draft Registrations

- Records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau, 1863-1865, National Archives Record Group 110
- Need to know Congressional District of soldiers residence
 - Congressional Directory 38th Congress, 2nd
 session 1st. Ed. Rare Fed DocsY4.P93/1:



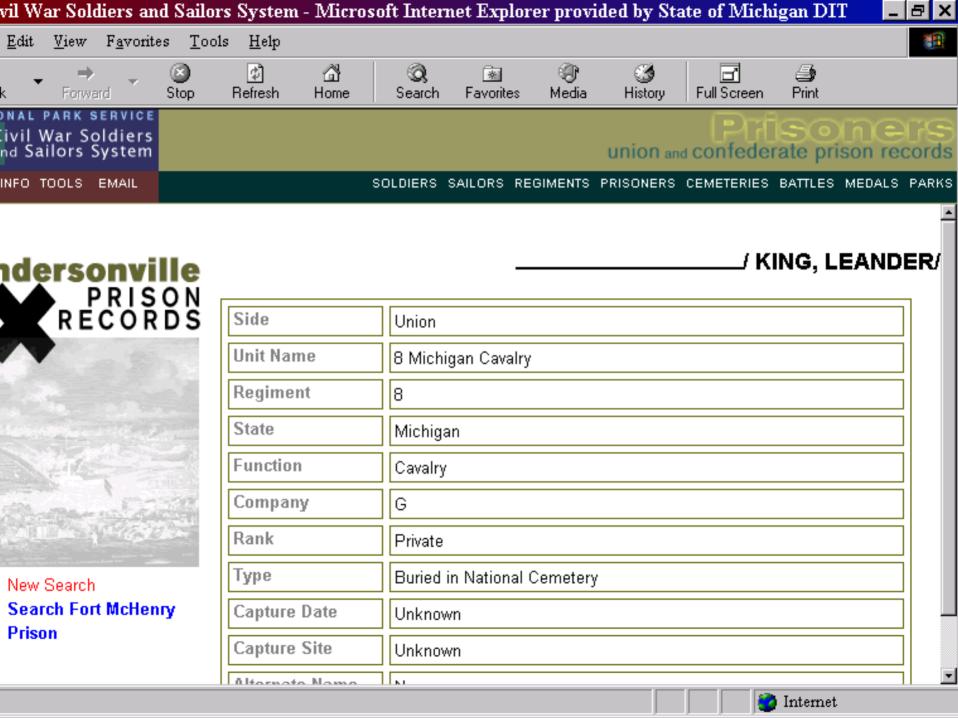
G.A.R. Records

- G.A.R. Grand Army of the Republic
 - URL for finding GAR Posts
 - http://suvcw.org/garposts/index.htm
 - Types of Records
 - Minutes, memorial books, maps
 - Financial records, photographs
 - State Archives has some Michigan records
 - Some annual encampment minutes at LM



Prison Record Data

- Name, rank, company
- State
- Date and place of capture
- Date of death
- Cause of death
- Place of burial





Sultana Disaster

- April 27, 1865
- Union soldiers released from southern Confederate prisons
- Records of the Sultana disaster, April 27, 1865
 - 3 microfilm reels
- Disaster on the Mississippi: The Sultana Explosion, April 27, 1865 by Gene Saelecker
- http://www.rootsweb.com/~genepool/sultana.htm



Diaries, Letters, Manuscripts

- Libraries
- State archives
- Local historical societies
- http://www.USGenWeb.com
- Unit histories in print and online



Questions?